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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants request that the application be amended as indicated below.

In the Application:

Please insert new pages 1-268 containing the Sequence Listing formatted under the new rules.

Please delete pages 1-94 of the application as filed containing the Sequence Listing and insert substitute pages 1-268 enclosed herewith, which contains the amended Sequence Listing formatted under the new rules for the Sequence Listing.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/689,155 filed October 12, 2000, which claims priority to Danish Application No. PA 1999 01467 filed October 13, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/159,684 filed October 15, 1999; Danish Application No. PA 1999 01735 filed December 3, 1999; Danish Application No. PA 2000 00522 filed March 28, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/211,758 filed June 14, 2000; Danish Application No. PA 1999 01471 filed October 13, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/159,679 filed October 15, 1999, Danish Application No. PA 1999 01734 filed December 3, 1999; Danish Application No. PA 2000 00670 filed April 19, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/211,878 filed June 14, 2000; Danish Application No. PA 2000 00671 filed April 19, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/211,435 filed June 14, 2000, each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the application to include a substitute Sequence Listing which contains the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences disclosed in the application. New pages 1-268 are provided to comply with the Sequence Rules set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825. In addition, enclosed herewith is a Statement to Support Filing and Submission of DNA/Amino Acid Sequences in Accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825 and a computer readable form (CRF). No new matter has been added. In addition, the contents of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821(c) and (e), are the same.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative, Paul K. Legaard, Ph.D., at (215) 564-8906 if there are any questions regarding Applicants' claimed invention.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the Application:**

New pages 1-268 contain the amended Sequence Listing.

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 of the specification has been amended as follows:

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/689,155 filed October 12, 2000, which [This application] claims priority to Danish Application No. PA 1999 01467 filed October 13, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/159,684 filed October 15, 1999; Danish Application No. PA 1999 01735 filed December 3, 1999; Danish Application No. PA 2000 00522 filed March 28, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/211,758 filed June 14, 2000; Danish Application No. PA 1999 01471 filed October 13, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/159,679 filed October 15, 1999, Danish Application No. PA 1999 01734 filed December 3, 1999; Danish Application No. PA 2000 00670 filed April 19, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/211,878 filed June 14, 2000; Danish Application No. PA 2000 00671 filed April 19, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/211,435 filed June 14, 2000, each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.